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1. KHARTOUM MARCH 8: SUDAN NEWS AGENCY SAID IN ITS WEEKLY REVIEW TODAY, " KHARTOUM IS VERY SAD AND IT SHOULD BE SAD. IT HAS BEEN A PLACE LAST WEEK FOR THE MOST GREVIOUS EVENTS WHICH COULD EVER TAKE PLACE IN THIS COUNTRY. AND THOSE WHO MADE IT SAD DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO DO THAT. FOR THEY KILLED THREE INNOCENT DIPLOMATS WHO CAME HERE TO BE ENVOYS OF PEACE AND GOODWILL. THEY LEFT THEIR STAINED MARKS ON THE PRESENT HISTORY OF SUDAN. THEY GAVE THE WORLD A CHANCE TO CALL THE DAY OF THE SAD INCIDENT, " THE BLOODY FRIDAY." AND IT HAD BEEN ONE OF THE BLOODIEST DAYS IN SUDAN. WHY SHOULD NOT IT BE A BLOODY DAY? A GROUP OF ARMED SEPTEMBERISTS ATTACK AN EMBASSY OF A SISTER ARAB COUNTRY, SIEZE FIVE DIPLOMATS AS HOSTAGES AND THREATEN TO SLAUGHTER THEM IN COLD BLOOD IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT FULFILLED. AND THE DEMANDS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO BE FULFILLED IN THE SHORT TIME THEY GAVE. THEY SENTENCED THEIR HOSTAGES TO DEATH THE MOMENT THEY ISSUED THEIR FIRST STATEMENT. THEY LEFT US, PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT, IN A HELPLESS POSITION. THE GOVERNMENT' S MAIN CONCERN AT THAT TIME WAS TO SAVE THE

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LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES. IT ASSURED THE SEPTEMBERISTS THAT IT WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR LIVES AS WELL. THEN CAME THE RUTHLESS ACTION OF THE EXECUTION OF THE THREE INNOCENT DIPLOMATS. THEIR BODIES WERE LEFT FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS" IN A MANNER NOT AT ALL ALLOWED OR ACCEPTED BY ANY RELIGION OR ETHICAL STANDARD," AS THE PRESIDENT SAID IN HIS SPEECH.

2. WHAT REMAINS NOW IS THE TRIAL OF THOSE MEN WHO BROKE ALL THE CONVENTIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. THEIR TRIAL WILL BE ACCORDING TO THE SUDANESE LAWS AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CRIME THEY COMMITTED. WE CONDEMNED THE ACT, AS ALL THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION DID, BUT THE VERDICT IS LEFT TO THE COURT."
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